

Senate Bill No. 127

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Private Secretary of the Governor

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 127, Chesbro. Vehicles: limitations of access.

Existing law exempts from established limitations of access, licensed carriers of livestock when engaged in travel necessary and incidental to the shipment of livestock on specified portions of State Highway Route 101. This exemption is repealed on January 1, 2004.

This bill would delete certain obsolete language; would require the Department of the California Highway Patrol to undertake a specified study and to report its findings to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2006; and would extend the January 1, 2004, repeal date to January 1, 2007.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

35401.7. (a) The limitations of access specified in subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 do not apply to licensed carriers of livestock when those carriers are directly enroute to or from a point of loading or unloading of livestock on those portions of State Highway Route 101 located in the Counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino from its junction with State Highway Route 1 near Leggett north to the Oregon border, if the travel is necessary and incidental to the shipment of the livestock.

(b) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply unless all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The length of the truck tractor, in combination with the semitrailer used to transport the livestock, does not exceed a total of 70 feet.

(2) The distance from the kingpin to the rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet.



(c) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply to travel conducted on the day prior to, or on the day of, any federally recognized holiday.

(d) The Department of the California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Department of Transportation and in accordance with recommendations from the Department of the California Highways Patrol's study issued on May 1, 2003, of the effects of the statutory exemption, shall continue the comprehensive study on the effect that the exemption provided under this section has on the public safety during the extended effective period of the exemption. The findings of this additional study shall be reported to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2006.

(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2007, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date.



Approved _____, 2003

Governor

